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Ref: (a) NAVICP 00-35T-37-4
(b) NAVAIRINST 4440.10D
(c) MARFORPACO 4440.6D
(d) MARFORPACO 13800.4
(e) COMNAVAIRSYSCOM 162048Z Mar 94
(f) NAVAIRINST 13800.12A
(g) OPNAVINST 4790.2E

1. Purpose. This Order assigns responsibility for custody and reporting of Expeditionary Airfield (EAF) assets in III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF).

2. Cancellation. ForO 4440.1E.

3. Background

a. EAF assets provide the Marine Corps with a flexible and deployable capability to rapidly establish all-weather, aviation operating facilities/bases ashore in support of expeditionary operations. These assets consist of aircraft arresting systems, visual landing aid systems, lighting and marking systems, AM-2 matting, and accessories required for packaging, installation, operation, and maintenance of same.

b. Commander, Naval Air System Command (COMNAVAIRSYSCOM/PMA 251M) is the program manager for EAF equipment and, in concert with the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC/ASL45), dictates allowances and usage of the same. Part 4 of reference (a) establishes these allowances by type, command mission, and training requirements. Reference (b) and (c) require an annual status report of assigned subject assets, per specific equipment list and format. Reference (d) promulgates policies, procedures, and responsibilities for the control and employment of EAF equipment assigned within Fleet Marine Forces (FMFPAC/FEO, EAF).

c. EAF assets are defined as contingency and training allowances. Contingency assets are restricted use stocks, to be ready for issue (RFI) to support aviation contingency plans. These assets are available for unique/exceptional

need contingency-use by the FMF when released by COMNAVAIRSYSCOM in concert with CMC. Training assets are unrestricted use stock, excluding AM-2 matting per reference (e), to accomplish noncontingency aviation support actions and augmentation of contingency assets.

d. COMNAVAIRSYSCOM is responsible for EAF equipment logistical support. The subordinate command, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Lakehurst, New Jersey (NAWC), provides technical support of EAF and shorebased aeronautical equipment. NAWC Expeditionary Airfield Support Unit (EASU) technical (mechanical/electrical) representatives (tech reps) are assigned at the Fleet Marine Force Pacific and Marine Aircraft Wing levels to provide field services in connection with the installation, maintenance, repair, test, calibration, trouble diagnosis, improvement, and training requirements for EAF equipment. COMNAVAIRSYSCOM:

(1) Administers EAF blue dollar funding.

(2) Dictates certification of EAF equipment to ensure installation, configuration, maintenance, and operation to be "safe for flight operations" per reference (f).

(3) Ordains use of reference (g) for maintenance management.

(a) Formal certification, of 13 month maximum duration, is the procedure whereby the certification inspection of EAF installations/equipment is the responsibility of EASU tech reps to NAWC.

(b) Expeditionary certification, 90 days maximum duration, is the procedure whereby the certification inspection of EAF installations/equipment is the responsibility of the assigned EAF officer (Marine Aircraft Wing/Marine Wing Service Group/Marine Wing Support Squadron) to Fleet Marine Force Pacific/Fleet Marine Force Atlantic.

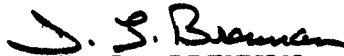
e. III MEF EAF assets are held by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan, Marine Corps Air Station, Futenma, Japan and Marine Corps Base, Camp Foster, Japan. Use and maintenance of these assets requires planning, budgeting, and prompt requisitioning.

4. Action. The Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, is assigned the budget, maintenance, accountability, and reporting responsibilities of EAF assets. Per reference (c),

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an annual EAF assets report will be submitted to Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific via, the Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force.


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